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TITLE METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR TRANSMITTING
INPUT/OUTPUT REQUESTS FROM A PRIMARY CONTROLLER TO A
SECONDARY CONTROLLER

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a non-final third office action in the above case dated May 1, 2006 in which the Examiner found that claims 4-12, 16-24, and 28-36 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form and rejected claims 1-3, 13-15, and 25-27 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. The Examiner further rejected claims 25-36 as directed to non-statutory subject matter (35 U.S.C. §101). Applicants amended independent claims 1, 13, and 25 to include the requirements of allowable claims 4, 16, and 28 to place these claims in condition for allowance. Applicants further amended allowable claims 11, 12, 23, 24, 35, and 36 to include the requirements of the base claims to place these claims in condition for allowance. Applicants also changed the dependency of certain claims and made further amendments to clarify certain claim language. Applicants amended claims 25-36 as discussed with Primary Examiner Bryce Bonzo in a phone interview on July 17, 2006 to overcome the Section 101 rejection. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-3, 5-15, 17-27, and 29-36 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13.